

In the Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The infrared heater according to claim 11 An infrared heater comprised of two sets of parallel electrically-resistive bars, the corresponding bars of the respective sets being juxtaposed, electric conductors interconnecting corresponding ends of the bars, and connectors for applying 180 degrees out of phase electrical current to the respective sets of conductors so that current flows in opposite directions in corresponding bars at any given point in time, and a protrusioned infrared source comprised of a base adapted to be heated to uncomfortable-to-the-touch temperatures, and protrusions which project away from the base and present temperatures comfortable to the touch when the base is at uncomfortable temperatures[.]], wherein the protrusioned-infrared-source base is finned and has valleys between the fins, and the valleys overlie corresponding electrically-resistive bars.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The infrared heater according to claim 13, wherein the fins are separated by less than finger width.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The infrared heater according to claim 13, and a panel for spacing the heater from any wall on which it may be mounted.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The infrared heater according to claim 15, wherein the panel is corrugated and its ridges underlie corresponding resistive bars.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The infrared heater according to claim 16, wherein the fins are separated by less than finger width.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The infrared heater according to claim 17, and a cabinet having a door mounting the heater on the inside.

Claims 19-21 (canceled)

Claims 22-26 (canceled)